

ALLONBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH MAY 2018 at 7.30pm in ALLONBY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Mr R Hart (Chairman), Mr G Browes, Mr J Kendall, Mr A Jones, Mrs P Jones, Mr W Bradley

APOLOGIES: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr G Proud, Mr L Parker

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION: Mr G Proud said "Friends of Allonby Green" have got a plastic boat and flower pots beside the bridge. He asked if they should ask A.B.C. for permission. It was felt they should as A.B.C. own The Greens. It was agreed they put a Union flag on the middle post.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th April 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: Re. the problems of parking on Wigton Road - no reply has been received from Amber Sykes. Clerk to contact her again for a reply.

No reply has been received from Cumbria Highways re. a mirror at the end of Wigton Road – another letter to be sent about this.

Mr R Hart said he had spoken to P.C.S.O. Peter Crome and he will take our request to the CRASH Committee for a 24 hour transport survey. However, there is a waiting list.

Re. Allonby Hearse: Mrs P Jones said she had contacted Tullie House who are keen but have no room currently. Beamish may collect it and she will keep in contact. Mrs Jones said we should give a donation to Mr P Potter, "Pig in the Bath", for bringing it to Allonby and storage. It was agreed we make a contribution of half the cost of £100.00. It was therefore agreed to make a contribution of half this amount - £50.00 to Mr P Potter.

PLAYGROUND: Mr R Hart said we are still waiting for a quote for gates.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER: Mr R Hart said A.B.C. are happy for Parish Council to take on anything they own. They would pay us over a 3 year agreement ie. year 1 - £4200.00, year 2 – half this amount then year 3 nothing. It was felt we may be wrong taking on something we do not own. We would have to pay insurance. Mr W Bradley said Solicitor's fees would have to be paid. Mr J Kendall said it would give us more control. Mr A Jones said we would not have to get permission from A.B.C. to do things. Mrs P Jones said we could hold events on The Green eg. A dog show. A vote was taken and there was 4 for and 1 against. Mr W Bradley said we do not want the same Solicitor as when the toilets were transferred. Mr R Hart said there is a Solicitor in Eden who specialises in transfers. Mr W Bradley said could we get some prices from Solicitors and this was agreed.

Mr L Parker questioned the grass cutting at either end of the village and Mr R Hart said it will remain the same and funded from precept. Mr L Parker said middle green has been cut twice in a fortnight by ISS. Either end is cut by Mr A Sim. It was questioned whether the bits among the wind bushes could be done by Mr A Sim Mrs P Jones said Community Payback could do this.

CONSIDERATION OF DATA PROTECTION AND POSSIBLE FEES TO BE PAID: Parish Council does not need a Data Protection Officer but we must register. Mr R Hart to get details.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE AND SITING OF DEFIB BOXES: We were going to put one on the school; The Heart Foundation to pay for this. Mr W Bradley said he has two defibs in his house and could we put one on the Church? An electricity supply would be needed. Mrs P Jones said we could put one on one of the toilet blocks and it was agreed we could look into this. Mr W Bradley will try and find out what funding the First Responders have left and asked what Parish Council could contribute. He will look into the costings involved.

PROGRESS ON TOILETS: Mr R Hart said the toilet is a little bit blocked in the cistern and he thinks Mr A Armstrong is asking a plumber to look at it. Mr Armstrong to be asked about this. Mrs P Jones asked do we have a long term plan for the toilets? Mr R Hart thinks the roof will cost more than we would want to pay. If we do pay for this we may have to charge for the use of the toilets. Mr W Bradley said we could use one end of the block for a little shop. Mr R Hart said we must be careful. Mr W Bradley said we could get something in instead of paying out all the time. Mrs P Jones said it is silly to do anything if the roof is not repaired. We need to look at the situation but presently it will remain as status quo. Mr G Proud asked could we get money for slates. Mrs P Jones said she and Mr J Kewin could do the mural or put up history boards. Mr J Kendall would not propose putting tiles on. Mr L Parker said we could put slates back on. Mr W Bradley said he would speak to Mr A Armstrong about the position.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items were received and noted:-

1. Raffle tickets addressed to Allonby Parish Council from Hospice at Home.
2. "Tidelines" magazines.
3. E-mail from C.A.L.C. re. query from Crosscannonby Parish Council re. garden waste fires on allotments.
4. E-mail from Heather Nixon, A.B.C., re. Tour of Britain 2018 – Projects and Activities.
5. C.A.L.C. Newsletter – May 2018 (Certificate of Exemption for accounts external audit).
6. HAGS catalogue.
7. E-mail from Stephen Bewsher re. putting up a "Love my Beach" flag on the flag pole. This was agreed and Mr Bewsher to be advised.
8. Catalogue from Glasdons.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: Allonby Village Hall- No meeting has taken place since the last Parish Council meeting.

Community Forum- None.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS: The Statement of Accounts were submitted following internal audit by Mrs W Jameson. This was signed by Chairman and Clerk/R.F.O.. Mrs Jameson submitted a report saying the books and records had been kept properly throughout the year. Information to be put on website.

FINANCE: Account received from Mrs W Jameson for internal audit of accounts - £50.00 passed for payment.

Invoice from ISS for £356.78 for grass cutting – agreed.

Clerk's salary and expenses were agreed as follows:-

Pay period 17th April 2018 to 13th May 2018

11 hours at £8.717 per hour = £96.00

Less Income Tax of £19.20 = £76.80

Reimbursement of expenses

Postage - £2.12

Photocopying - £6.90

Stationery - £2.00

Total = £11.02

Amount payable = £76.80 + £11.02 = £87.82.

A letter was received from C.A.L.C. re. the new part-time Clerks' hourly rates. They were to raise from £8.717 per hour to £9.341 per hour from 1st April 2018. This was agreed.

Electricity account from Npower for toilet block - £69.71 passed for payment.

Account from Water Plus for water for toilets- £22.83 agreed.

Insurance from Zurich - £929.19 agreed.

Mr R Hart submitted an account he had paid from Thomas Armstrong Plant for a strimmer and materials - £507.20 passed for payment.

It was agreed a donation of £50.00 be given to "Friends of Allonby Green" towards the cost of flower boxes.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA; Yellow lines for Wigton Road and a mirror for Wigton Road.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 19th June 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.